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I am writing to express my opinion regarding the Antitrust Case that the U.S. has against Microsoft. I have been a user of Microsoft products and an admirer of Microsoft for many years. It amazes me when I think of how Microsoft has helped increase my productivity at work and my personal enjoyment at home. The amount of work that I can get done now (and how much easier and enjoyable the work is) is significantly greater than 10 years ago, before I had a computer, running Windows, Office, Outlook and many other Microsoft products. And the fun that my family and I have playing computer games and accessing the Internet is tremendous. Without Microsoft and the standards that they developed, much of this would not be possible, or would be much more difficult.

It disturbs me very much that the government has brought this case against Microsoft. These days it appears that success qualifies a company to be a target not only of their bitter competitors who have lost in the marketplace, but the U.S. Government, which is supposed to uphold free enterprise and capitalism.

The public has spoken through the money that they spend on Microsoft products. They recognize the excellent products and excellent deals that Microsoft offers. They have reaped enormous benefits from Microsoft. I resent the government characterizing the public (myself included) as victims of Microsoft and as not knowing what is best for ourselves. The more free companies are to do their work and sell their products, the better off the public is. The public does not benefit from government interference, which stifles company's productivity.

I encourage the government to cease these Antitrust cases against companies such as Microsoft. Companies should have the ability to run their business as they see fit and to sell their property in any manner that they desire. This freedom is what the United States of America was founded upon. This freedom must be upheld if our country is to the ideals of the founding fathers.

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